

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network's



News from the Network

Connecting you to the volunteer community



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Greetings Volunteer Network Members:

Where has the summer gone?! It's nearly July 4th and our planning minds are already looking towards the return of the students and the activity that back to school in Bloomington brings.

If you will be needing volunteers this fall and want to know how to boost your recruitment efforts, we can help. Check out the all new and improved IU Student Activities – Office for Student Organizations and Leadership Development website. It's a treasure trove of information about student groups on campus – and how to connect to them! More info is below.

Another great opportunity for getting ahead of the recruitment game is the upcoming Volunteer VIP gathering on July 15 that will focus on maximizing your volunteer fair efforts. Don't miss being a part of this first session RSVP today!

~Bet & Lucy

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



IU Student Activities Office (SAO) Debuts New Website

Looking for the magic link to connect to IU student organizations interested in service and volunteering? Check out the new and improved Student Activities – Office for Student Organizations and Leadership Development's [website](http://sao.indiana.edu) at <http://sao.indiana.edu> and browse the 650 student organizations, their contacts and missions. You can view a listing of service focused groups [here](#).



RSVP for the Volunteer VIP Gathering Today

Tuesday, July 15, 3:30-5pm @ First United Methodist Church (219 E. 4th St.)

Who's a Volunteer VIP? You are! Please join us for this new and exciting group made up of professional volunteer program managers. As a Volunteer VIP you will be connected to your peers in volunteer management and will have the opportunity to hear and participate in discussions about topics relevant to your field of work. Hear best practices from other experienced volunteer program managers, collect resources and network, network, network! **The first VIP gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15 @ 3:30pm at the First United Methodist Church (219 E. 4th Street).** Topic: Mastering the Art of Recruitment through Volunteer Fairs. **RSVP TODAY** to volunteer@bloomington.in.gov or call 349-3472.

President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)

A great way to reward and recognize the young volunteers in your program.

Do you have a volunteer under 18 years of age who has or will accumulate a significant amount of hours over the course of the year? The President's Volunteer Service Award is a great way to recognize these volunteers for their commitment to service. It's also a great addition to their college applications! [Read More](#)

CORPORATE VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

GE Elfun Society

Teamwork is at the heart of every volunteer project taken on by the GE Elfun Society. Their impact in our community can be seen on the playground at Fairview School, the elevated trails and bridges at Lake Griffy, the play equipment at the Boys and Girls Club and projects at many more locations! [Read More](#)



RESOURCES & MATERIALS

Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives (OFBCI)



Training, funding and resources, oh my! The [State of Indiana's OFBCI website](#) is a great one stop resource shop for nonprofit and volunteer managers. Browse the training calendar or download some free resources to enhance your programming. They also have a great newsletter, 'Friday Night Facts' that is now available digitally. We highly recommend subscribing to this newsletter to stay informed about upcoming trainings and funding opportunities. Bet gives it an enthusiastic thumbs up! [Read More](#).

CALENDAR

July 15

Volunteer VIP Gathering

3:30-5pm @ First United Methodist Church (219 E. 4th St.). Please RSVP to volunteer@bloomington.in.gov or call 349-3472.

Sept. 1 (Labor Day)

IU New Student Service Day

New Student Service Day, sponsored by the IU Orientation office, is a great opportunity for students to get involved with Bloomington -- their new community. Students will join other members of their incoming class in various community service projects around Bloomington and the IUB campus. To propose a project for these student volunteers at your organization, contact Emily McCallister at 855-4357 or emccalli@indiana.edu.

Sept. 9

IU Student Involvement Fair

The IU Fall Volunteer Opportunities Fair will be incorporated into the Student Involvement Fair this year. It was estimated that 800 to 1200 students participated last year! That's a lot of potential volunteers. Sign up now to have a booth at <http://orientation.indiana.edu/IUSIF>

Oct 29-30

2008 BoardSource Leadership Forum

Nonprofit leaders are invited to join the discussion at the 2008 BoardSource Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. Registration Fee. [Read More](#).

Nov. 1

CareFest sponsored by Sherwood Oaks Christian Church

CareFest, sponsored by Sherwood Oaks Christian Church, unites hundreds of volunteers for one purpose - to make a difference by serving community assistance organizations and public schools. Group volunteer projects are being solicited from nonprofit organizations who could utilize the assistance of CareFest volunteers. For more information about CareFest, contact Lyne Brown at lbrown@socc.org.

National Days of Service in 2008

August 2: Community Build Day

September 11: MyGoodDeed.org

October 19 – 25: Kids Care Week

October 25: Kids Care Week

November 22: National Family Volunteer Day

To learn more about any of the National Days of Service visit the [National Days of Service Calendar](#).

WEEKLY VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Get your volunteer recruitment efforts featured in the Weekly Volunteer Update! Wish you could reach thousands of interested potential volunteers with one simple task? You can!

[Submit your volunteer recruitment requests now.](#)

[Read the current Weekly Volunteer Update...](#)

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Send feedback or information to volunteer@bloomington.in.gov.